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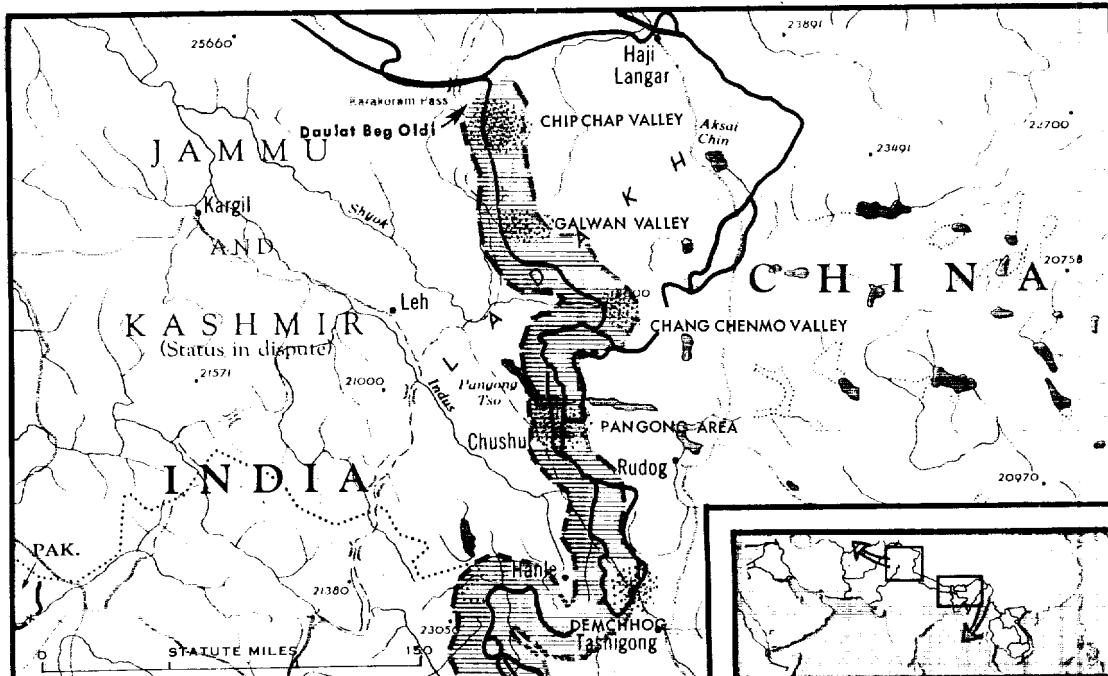
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COMMUNIST CHINA / INDIA BORDER AREAS



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 Areas Chinese have occupied since 20 October	 Boundary shown on most US and Western maps
 Boundary shown on recent Chinese Communist maps (Where differing from US and Western maps)	 Road or track
 Boundary shown on recent India maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/020 Spot height (in feet) — Pass

Where differing from US and Western maps:
Chinese-proposed Demilitarized Zone--based on November 1959 "Line of Actual Control"--shown in Peiping's People's Daily of 11 November 1962.

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India - Communist China: [The border situation remains quiet. There are conflicting reports of the extent of Chinese withdrawal, and India is still procrastinating on China's proposals for negotiations, claiming that it still is considering them.]

[The Chinese appear to be withdrawing very slowly in the Northeast Frontier Agency and not at all in Ladakh. India's director of Military Intelligence has confirmed that withdrawal is under way, but has not specified where the withdrawals are taking place. Indian information on the subject is limited because of restrictions New Delhi has imposed on forward patrolling.]

[India is continuing to move troops away from the West Pakistan border. The only substantial Indian units now deployed against Pakistan are one full-strength and two under-strength divisions in Kashmir, and the full-strength division has been alerted for a move.]

[The six-nation Colombo conference is still scheduled to convene on 10 December.]

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Congo: Adoula is bitterly blaming the US and UN for the state of affairs in the Congo.

In an emotional tirade to Ambassador Gullion on 5 December, Adoula said that he had been "idiotically" patient with the UN and its reintegration plan, but US and UN "hesitancy and timidity" on forcing Tshombé's compliance had resulted in its failure. He said the UN had "never been able to deliver on anything" and that the US, since it was dominant in the UN, would have to bear a heavy responsibility.

Adoula said it was now impossible for him to defend himself in Parliament and he doubted he could stay in office ten more days.

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Syria: *(Active dissidence has again appeared in the Syrian armed forces. Two separate officer groups, one pro-Nasir and the other conservative, are in opposition to the present high command.)*

(The air force chief has been ousted and a number of pro-Nasir junior- and middle-grade army officers have been arrested. Rumors persist that the air force chief was involved in an abortive rightist coup.)

(The high command itself is reported to be split over proposals to acquire more military equipment from the USSR. These disputes among the military are occurring against a background of increasing friction between rightists and leftists in the Azm cabinet.)

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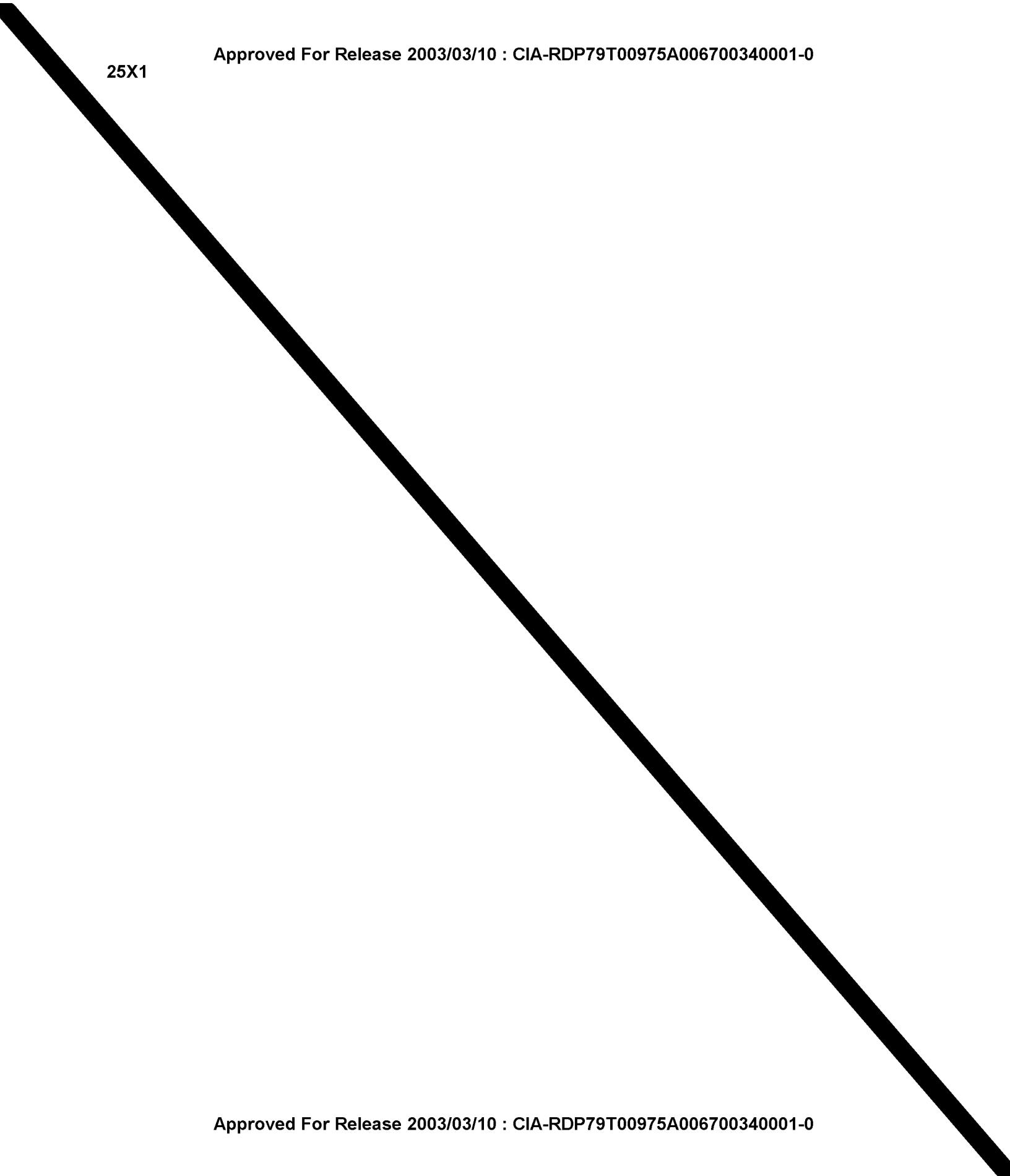
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Israel-Syria: [The Syrian army on the Israeli border is taking a more belligerent attitude and a serious clash may develop within a few days.]

[On 4 December Syrian troops fired on Israelis cultivating in the demilitarized zone along the frontier. They used higher caliber weapons than employed in previous border incidents of this kind.]

[Israeli Prime Minister Ben-Gurion has emphasized to the US ambassador that his government takes a "very serious view" of the incident and will react forcefully to any repetition. The Israelis have asked UN officials to seek assurances from the Syrians that the attack will not be repeated.]

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Indonesia: A delegation of top Soviet economic experts is to arrive in Djakarta on 15 December to discuss stretching out Indonesia's debt repayments to the USSR.

Indonesia has contracted for a total of nearly \$1.2 billion in military and economic aid from the USSR. It owes more than \$750 million in principal and interest for credits already drawn. This year's unpaid installment on the arms debt alone is about \$32 million.

Indonesia meanwhile is continuing its efforts to obtain new aid from outside the bloc. It is negotiating for a \$100 million credit from Hong Kong banking interests, and Foreign Minister Subandrio is anxious to complete arrangements for further economic aid from the US before rescheduling the payments to the USSR. Efforts to obtain additional aid from Japan have apparently failed.

Common Market--Britain: [The three-day meeting opening in Brussels on 10 December may produce a showdown on Britain's bid for Common Market (EEC) membership.]

[In high-level talks earlier this week, the Six agreed to make a major effort to accelerate the accession talks, but took a generally rigid position on substantive problems, such as Britain's commitments to its Outer Seven partners.]

[Although the French were tougher than the others in opposing any new EEC offer regarding arrangements for Britain's domestic agriculture, the US mission to the EEC believes all Six are basically united in insisting that London adopt and apply the EEC's common agricultural policy with a minimum of transitional aids.]

NOTES

West Germany: Despite US efforts to stop NATO countries from shipping to the USSR pipe suitable for oil pipelines, the West German Government has decided not to prevent the conclusion of new contracts for 200,000 tons of pipe. The reluctance of the NATO countries to enforce an embargo has been reinforced by recent Japanese sales of such pipe.

Venezuela: The sabotage of a US-owned chemical installation in Caracas on 6 December may mark the beginning of a new wave of Communist violence, according to the US Embassy. Persons responsible for the sabotage were purportedly members of the pro-Castro National Liberation Forces, which has frequently been involved in terrorist activity in the past.

Chile: Anti-Communists in Chile's Radical Party, a member of the coalition government, apparently plan to force a showdown at the national party congress beginning 15 December. Such action could split the Radicals and cost the government its congressional majority. The dissidents want immediate severance of relations with Cuba and greater support of President Alessandri's policies.

Burma: A petition is now being prepared by Buddhist leaders for the release of former Prime Minister Nu, who has been held in custody since the March coup because he refuses to recognize the legitimacy of the military regime. If released, he could serve as a rallying point for popular opposition to Ne Win. If Ne Win rejects the petition, he will further alienate the influential Buddhist hierarchy.

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